

Manhattan Island and all of Brooklyn could be bombarded.

With the great 16 inch guns installed on their disappearing carriages at Rockaway Point all this will be changed. Equipped with the most modern and powerful rifles and given the added advantage of firing from stationary positions no fleet could force a passage by the Narrows.

Six inch siege guns have been ordered shipped at once from West Point, and it is probable that these will be set up for defence purposes with the utmost speed.

BILL BY TELEPHONE.

Work Begun at Rockaway Point Outspeeds Legislature

ALBANY, Feb. 8.—Work had actually been begun at Rockaway Point before

It was discovered that no bill had been introduced in the Legislature providing for the necessary ceding of land by the city of New York to the State.

States. When Speaker Sweet found out that a bill had been overlooked he got busy with the telephone and learned that Dock Commissioner R. A. C. Smith was accelerating the preparation of the measures. After Col. Abbott, chief of the United States army engineering district, of which New York is the center, had looked over the draft it was telephoned to this city by Mr. Smith in New York and will be introduced tomorrow. The bill reads:

The city of New York is hereby authorized to cede or grant to the United States of America for national governmental purposes any lands or lands under water, island, hummock or barsock in Jamaica Bay adjacent to the mainland required by the United States on the westerly end of Rockaway Neck, borough of Queens, city of New York, to such consideration and upon such terms and conditions as the Board of Commissioners of the Sinking Fund may, in its discretion, deem proper."

The city owned property, which is mostly under water, that will be turned over to the Government comprises 120 acres and will be ceded to the Federal

authorities without cost. However, the Government will cede to the city Plum Island, a fifty-five acre plot in Jamaica Bay. Mayor Miles Comptroller Prendergast and Dea. Commissioner Smith worked out the deal some days ago. This will give the Government, with the land purchased from individuals, some 350 acres in the far reservation.

STATION SHIP LOSES RIFLES

**Removed From U. S. S. Adams to
Brooklyn Navy Yard.**

On orders from the Navy Department, the 1, 3 and 4 inch rifles of the United States ship Adams, station ship of the First Battalion, New Jersey Naval Militia, were removed yesterday and taken to the Brooklyn navy yard.

The order, Capt. Edward McGhee Peters received was that they shall be shipped by fast freight as speedily as possible.

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